



## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA- HQ-OAR-2020-0628; FRL – 8864-01-OMS]

### Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NSPS for Sulfuric Acid Plants (Renewal)

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), NSPS for Sulfuric Acid Plants (EPA ICR Number 1057.15, OMB Control Number 2060-0041), to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through October 31, 2021. Public comments were previously requested, via the *Federal Register*, on February 8, 2021 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public. An agency may neither conduct nor sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Additional comments may be submitted on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2020-0628, online using [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI), or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

Submit written comments and recommendations to OMB for the proposed information collection within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

The EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI), or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Out of an abundance of caution for members of the public and our staff, the EPA Docket Center and Reading Room are closed to the public, with limited exceptions, to reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19. Our Docket Center staff will continue to provide remote customer service via email, phone, and webform. We encourage the public to submit comments via <https://www.regulations.gov/>, or email, as there may be a delay in processing mail and faxes. Hand deliveries and couriers may be received by scheduled appointment only. For further information on the EPA Docket Center services and the current status, please visit us online at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Supporting documents, which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting, are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at <https://www.regulations.gov>, or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202-566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

*Abstract:* Owners and operators of sulfuric acid plants are required to comply with reporting and

record keeping requirements for the General Provisions (40 CFR part 60, subpart A), as well as for the applicable specific standards in 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart H. This includes submitting initial notifications, performance tests and periodic reports and results, and maintaining records of the occurrence and duration of any startup, shutdown, or malfunction in the operation of an affected facility, or any period during which the monitoring system is inoperative. These reports are used by the EPA to determine compliance with these standards.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Respondents/affected entities:* Sulfuric acid manufacturing plants.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Mandatory (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart H).

*Estimated number of respondents:* 53 (total).

*Frequency of response:* Semiannually.

*Total estimated burden:* 13,500 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$1,900,000 (per year), which includes \$309,000 in annualized capital/startup and/or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in the Estimates:* There is no increase in burden from the most-recently approved ICR as currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved Burdens. This is due to several considerations: 1) the regulations have not changed over the past three years and are not anticipated to change over the next three years; and 2) the growth rate for this industry is very low or non-existent, so there is no significant change in the number of respondents. Since there are no changes in the regulatory requirements and there is no significant industry growth, there are also no changes in the capital/startup costs. Operation and maintenance (O&M) costs have been adjusted using the CEPCI Index to reflect the increase in costs since 2005.

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